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SUBJ: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ARTICLE ON IRAN

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED THROUGH LETTER FROM SUSAN BYRNES OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TO KHORRAMSHAHR COUNSEL HORNBLow THAT MAGAZINE NOT ABle INCORPORATE CHANGES REQUESTED BY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION (REFTEL B) IN SUBJECT ARTICLE BECAUSE THEY HAD ARRIVED TOO LATE. EMBASSY HAD ASSUMED THAT SUGGESTED CHANGES WOULD HAVE ARRIVED ON TIME BECAUSE THEY SENT OCTOBER 9 WHICH WAS DEADLINE DATE ACCORDING REFTEL C.

2. IN VIEW GOI'S STRONG SENSITIVITIES TO FOREIGN MEDIA TREATMENT, EMBASSY FEELS IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE PROVIDE GOI WITH EXPLANATION OF SITUATION IF, INDEED, PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION CAN BE MADE. FOR EXAMPLE, DID REFTEL B, IN FACT, ARRIVE TOO LATE FOR GEOGRAPHIC TO MAKE CHANGES? IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT MOST SENSITIVE PORTION IS THAT REGARDING MILITARY AND SHATT AL ARAB WHICH GOI ASKED BE DELETED.

3. IN ORDER CLARIFY EMBASSY'S ROLE IN MATTER, PAO MET THIS WEEK WITH MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY WAS MERELY LENDING ITS GOOD OFFICES IN ORDER FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN MAGAZINE AND MINISTRY. MINISTER SID HE APPRECIATED CLARIFICATION

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AND UNDERSTOOD EMBASSY ROLE BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT REACTION

HERE TO ARTICLE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS ARTICLE SLATED FOR JANUARY
ISSUE.

4. FOR GILBERT, USIA: PAO INFORMED MINISTER OF PLANNED IRAN
AMERICA SOCIETY EXHIBIT OF PHOTOS FROM ARTICLE. MINISTER RECOM-
MENDED THAT EXHIBIT, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY, BE
HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING REACTION TO ARTICLE. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE
NO OTHER CHOICE. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING JAMES BLAIR AT
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC OF THIS PROBLEM AND SUGGEST THAT ALL WORK ON
EXHIBIT STOP UNTIL WE CAN TEST THE WATERS IN JANUARY.
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